

Marine Debris

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Funding Opportunities

The NOAA Marine Debris Program supports three grant opportunities for marine debris activities. The first is in cooperation with the NOAA Restoration Center's Community-based Restoration Program, the second is in partnership with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), and the third is in partnership with NFWF and Covanta Energy Corporation.

Community-based Marine Debris Prevention and Removal Grant

In cooperation with the NOAA Restoration Center, the Marine Debris Program offers another funding opportunity. This grant is provided to catalyze the implementation of locally driven, community-based marine debris prevention and removal projects that will benefit coastal habitat, waterways, and NOAA trust resources including anadromous fish. The NOAA Restoration Center funds projects directly and through partnerships with national and regional organizations.

This grant usually opens in late summer and proposals are typically due in late October of each year. Funding range typically falls between \$15,000 to \$250,000.

www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/funding_opportunities/funding.html

Marine Debris Prevention and Removal Program

With support from the NOAA Marine Debris Program, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) will fund projects that will result in benefits to living marine resource habitats and navigational waterways through removing and/or preventing marine debris, including projects that are coupled with a best management practice that limits the re-accumulation of debris. This NOAA partnership supports innovative and effective conservation and stewardship of our country's marine and coastal areas.

This grant usually opens around the beginning of the year and proposals are typically due in

Marine debris is any persistent solid material that is manufactured or processed and directly or indirectly, intentionally or unintentionally, disposed of or abandoned into the marine environment or the Great Lakes.



Volunteers help clean up marine debris along the shores near South Point, Island of Hawaii. This project is one of many funded through the Community-based Marine Debris Prevention and Removal Grant.





The MDP is a partner in "Fishing for Energy" a program that provides fishermen a no-cost disposal service for old or derelict fishing gear and converts it into energy. *Photo courtesy of T. Barry, NFWF.*

the early summer of each year. Funding range typically falls between \$20,000 to \$200,000.

www.nfwf.org

Fishing for Energy Small Grants Fund

With support from the NOAA Marine Debris Program and Covanta Energy Corporation, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation will provide funding to Fishing for Energy Partnership ports, their partners, or other commercial fishing ports to provide capacity and incentives to address old, abandoned or derelict fishing gear.

www.nfwf.org/fishingforenergy

Other Funding Opportunities

NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program

www.coralreef.noaa.gov

NOAA Grants Management Division

www.ago.noaa.gov/grants

Non-NOAA Funding Opportunities

The NOAA Restoration Center maintains a list of non-NOAA funding opportunities, some of which are available for marine debris related activities. www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/funding_opportunities/nonfunding.html

Resources and Tips for Successful Grant Writing

The NOAA Coastal Services Center site provides links to useful information and resources to help with grant writing. www.csc.noaa.gov/funding/writing.html

www.MarineDebris.noaa.gov/funding/

Marine debris is
a problem we can solve
and by working together
we can make a difference.